

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:343
ANSWERED ON:21.11.2000
DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL AND MEDIUM TOWNS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Bihar had sent any proposal for the Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns during 1996;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action being taken by the Government thereon so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a)to(c): During 1996, the Government of Bihar submitted project reports in respect of 11 towns namely; Rajgir, Godda, Gaya, Supaul, Sheohar, Forbesganj, Lohardaga, Madhepura, Raxaul, Araria and Khagaria.

The project reports were scrutinised and approved. Central assistance has been released to the following nine towns. The details are as under:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	Name of Town	Year	Central assistance released
1.	Rajgir	1995-96	20.00
2.	Godda	1995-96	20.00
3.	Gaya	1996-97	20.00
4.	Supaul	1996-97	15.00
5.	Sheohar	1996-97	10.00
6.	Forbesganj	1996-97	15.00
7.	Lohardaga	1996-97	15.00
8.	Madhepura	1998-99	10.00
9.	Raxaul	1998-99	10.00

Government of Bihar requested for revalidation of sanctions made to all the aforesaid towns. The request was allowed subject to stipulation that no further releases of Central assistance will be made unless Utilisation Certificates for the unspent balances are received from the State Government. Since Utilisation Certificates have not been received from the State Government so far, assistance to Araria and Khagaria towns has been stopped.